

House Amendment 1298

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1 1 Amend House File 825 as follows:
1 2 #1. Page 24, by inserting after line 27 the
1 3 following:
1 4 <____. The governor and the legislative council are
1 5 requested to create a child welfare system improvement
1 6 committee consisting of legislators, child welfare
1 7 agency board members, child welfare agency staff,
1 8 department of human services staff, juvenile court
1 9 officers, and child advocacy board representatives.
1 10 The committee should commence deliberations during the
1 11 2005 legislative interim and consider all of the
1 12 following in making recommendations to the governor
1 13 and the general assembly in regard to the child
1 14 welfare and juvenile justice systems:
1 15 a. System changes to provide better results for
1 16 children.
1 17 b. System streamlining to improve services through
1 18 increased flexibility.
1 19 c. Increasing the degree of partnership by
1 20 strengthening the role of the state and the state's
1 21 community-based partners.
1 22 d. Increasing innovative service development.
1 23 e. Identifying the amount of resources necessary
1 24 for achieving better results.
1 25 f. Identifying the barriers to obtaining better
1 26 results and eliminating those barriers.
1 27 g. Developing a strategy to reduce the discrepancy
1 28 between state and private agency staff salaries.
1 29 h. Identifying the effects of low salaries and
1 30 inadequate system funding.
1 31 i. Developing a means for service providers to
1 32 keep pace with the inflationary cost increases in
1 33 order to maintain the quality level in child welfare
1 34 services.
1 35 j. Identifying the effects on children of
1 36 implementing an option for a managed care provider to
1 37 manage all or a portion of child welfare services
1 38 funding, including but not limited to all of the
1 39 following:
1 40 (1) The effects of coordinating this option with
1 41 the redesign of the children's mental health system.
1 42 (2) The interaction between the child welfare,
1 43 juvenile justice, and children's mental health
1 44 systems.
1 45 (3) The effects of providing wraparound services
1 46 under this option.
1 47 The department shall not implement an option for a
1 48 managed care provider to manage all or a portion of
1 49 child welfare services funding until recommendations
1 50 regarding this option have been received from a
2 1 committee created pursuant to this subsection.>
2 2 #2. By renumbering as necessary.
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